

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 – REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners convened in Regular Session at 11:00 a.m. on September 27, 2010 for a Roundtable with Elected Officials and Appointed Department Heads, held in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room, Annex Building, 1 NE 6th Street, Coupeville, Washington. Other topics for the Regular Session followed at 2:00 p.m. as shown on the agenda. Helen Price Johnson, Chair, Angie Homola, Member, and John Dean, Member were present.

**ROUNDTABLE WITH ISLAND COUNTY
ELECTED OFFICIALS AND APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEADS**

(Recording Part 1)

Elected Officials and Appointed Department Heads Attending:

Greg Banks	Jackie Henderson	Dave Mattens
Robert Bishop – <i>Excused</i>	Keith Higman	Mike Merringer
Mark Brown	Dave Hollett - <i>Excused</i>	Bill Oakes
Cathy Caryl	Angie Homola	Bob Pederson
Sheilah Crider – <i>Excused</i>	Betty Kemp	Helen Price Johnson
John Dean	Tim Lawrence - <i>Excused</i>	Linda Riffe
	Elaine Marlow	Dan Sherk
		Patricia Terry - <i>Excused</i>

Also Attending

John McFarland, Human Resources Director
Anne LaCour, Chief Deputy Auditor

Together with the monthly departmental roundtable reports by Elected Officials and Appointed Department Heads, other topics of interest included:

Insurance

Mr. McFarland reported that the medical committee currently is working on alternatives that will pertain only to 1845 and 1845-I. It has been the intent of the Board to have available to all employees as much information as possible with respect to the medical plan offered for 2011 prior to open enrollment in November.

Emergency Planning

Ms. Oakes encouraged everyone to plan accordingly; that is, the standard three survival kits for three days (one at home, one in the car, one at work). On Whidbey he suggested planning for two weeks. Additionally, plan on a gallon of water per person, per day.

Pharmaceutical Recall

As reported by Sheriff Brown, the pharmaceutical recall was a success as indicated by the following number of raw pills collected:

- Sheriff collected 72 pounds of raw pills
- Oak Harbor collected over 200 pounds
- Coupeville collected 30 pounds

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October is United Way Month

The need has never been greater and perhaps the ability to respond has never been more challenging for employees. Mr. McFarland reminded the assembly that the program is voluntary and 87% of the funds raised by United Way return to local agencies.

Annual Flu Shots

- Coupeville – October 5 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Methodist Church
- Freeland – October 12 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Trinity Lutheran
- Two clinics on Camano – October 20 & 27 – 10:00 to 2:00 – Camano Senior Center

The vaccine this year does contain the H1N1 strain so only one shot is necessary. After this year, the Health Department will no longer be in a position to participate in the distribution of shots because the Health Department cannot compete in a marketplace that has become privatized.

Roundtable adjourned at 12:02 p.m. The next Roundtable is scheduled for October 25, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met at 2:00 p.m. to consider items contained on the agenda. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Recording Part 2 @ 1:10)

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

BY UNANIMOUS MOTION (3-0) the Board approved the following items presented on the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 4, *Resolution C-79-10 Proclaiming the Week of October 17-23 Friends of the Library Week in Island County*, moved to the Regular Agenda for consideration. Added to the Regular Agenda from the Chair's Agenda is Item 14, *Purchase Order No. 7724 with Krieg Construction*:

Pre-audited bills, vouchers, electronic funds transfers, payroll:

- Vouchers: \$1,239,494.49
- Warrants: \$468,055.88
- Electronic Funds Transfers: \$347,484.9
- Payroll: \$620,115.26

Minutes from previous meeting(s): Work Sessions: 8/4 and 8/18/10

Central Services

Lease Agreement with MailFinance Inc. to include an update of a new technologies package for the current mail processing equipment

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Human Resources - Personnel Action Authorizations

None presented

Public Health

- Contract Amendment with WA Department of Health – Consolidated Contract. Amendment adds \$7830 to HCCW Child Care Consultation, reduces Oral Health Program by \$338, and adds \$36,392 to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP-ED). Contract No. C14949, Amendment No. 25; Contract Amount: \$3,242,456, Amendment Amount: \$ 43,884(RM-HLTH-10-0381)
- Contract with Skagit Valley College – Skagit/Islands Head Start-Consultation Program. Contract provides a public health nurse consultation to the Head Start staff on health issues. Re-sign of Contract No. HD-11-10; Contract Amount: \$1,500 (RM-HLTH-10-313)

WSU Extension

Second Interlocal Agreement between Island County and Town of Coupeville for the Provision of Conservation Services. This Agreement provides financial support to the Town of Coupeville for Ebey's Prairie Water Quality Improvement Phytoremediation Project. Amount: Up to \$20,000. (RM-WSU-10-0358)

Liquor License(s)

Application for Special Occasion Liquor License No. 090936 by Camano Island Chamber of Commerce for a special occasion to be held November 13, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Camano Community & Senior Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd., Camano Island

REGULAR AGENDA (Recording Part 2 @ 9:15)

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Commissioners

Resolution C-79-10 In the Matter of Proclaiming the Week of October 17-23, 2010 Friends of the Library Week in Island County

MOVED BY HOMOLA, SECONDED BY DEAN, to ADOPT Resolution C-79-10.
MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

GSA Conservation Futures

2010 Award of Conservation Futures Funding

Project Name: Ebey's Reserve Farmland Phase 4
Sponsor: Whidbey Camano Land Trust
Amount: \$250,000.00
Purpose: Conservation Easement Purchase

Ms. Kemp said the award is one of three Conservation Futures projects with details of the other two projects being worked out.

With respect to the Conservations Futures Funding award for the Greenbank Farm, Mr. Patton spoke to the procurement of a fee appraisal on the development rights saying that the appraisers require two appraisals since the land is covered by a Special Review District

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(SRD). One appraisal will be done without an SRD and the second with, subtracting thereafter the difference which will become the value of the development rights to be surrendered. He wanted to be sure his understanding of the procedure was accurate whereby the Greenbank Farm would produce the invoice for the double appraisal to the County at closing and the County would then deduct the money from the first installment once the application is approved.

Chair Price Johnson urged Mr. Patton to meet with Ms. Kemp to review those details.

MOVED BY HOMOLA, SECONDED BY DEAN, to APPROVE THE 2010 Award of Conservation Futures Funding for the Ebey's Reserve Farmland Phase 4 project. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

Application to Northwest Clean Air Agency for 2011 Per Capita Grant Funding
(Recording Part 2 @ 36:15)

Commissioner Homola, who sits on the Northwest Clean Air Agency Board, indicated that each year there are monies available based on the types of fines people receive throughout the year, used for grant purposes. The intent is for efforts to improve air emissions. Sister agencies Oak Harbor, Coupeville, Skagit County and Langley have all come on board with an *emissions inventory*, Island County has not. If such an inventory were in place it would 1) avail the County to grant funding for future projects; and 2) would align the County with sister agencies in the event grant funding is requested as a group. Northwest Clean Air Agency and County staff recommended that the Board move ahead with the *emissions inventory* which is the reason for the application request, due by September 30.

MOVED BY HOMOLA, SECONDED BY DEAN, to APPROVE the application to the Northwest Clean Air Agency requesting grant funding for an emissions inventory in the amount of \$25,000. With suggested minor word changes the Chair will sign the letter on behalf of the Board. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

2010 Lodging Tax/Tourism Promotion (Recording Part 2 @ 46:43)

Discussion to modify the membership of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Proposed is a change to section 3.06.060 ICC to reflect a 7 member Lodging Tax Advisory Committee versus a 13 member committee. Commissioner Homola recommended a rotation of the chair (three seats would be a three-year term; four seats would be a four-year term; thereafter, each three years to provide for staggering of the positions). Commissioner Dean suggested the following language be added: *Every effort shall be made to diversify the geographic and tourism sector representation of the committee members.*

MOVED BY HOMOLA, SECONDED BY DEAN, to APPROVE in concept the recommended changes to the Island County Code, definition of the geographic areas, the two at-large positions, and rotation:

- Positions 1, 2 and 5 will be years 2010-2013
- Positions 3, 4, and 6 will be years 2010-2014
- Each year thereafter members would serve three-year terms and may return after a one-term wait.

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MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

Chair Price Johnson put forward the following names for appointment:

- 1) Recommended members who collect the tax:
 - Diane Binder (Coupeville) (Position 2)
 - Don Debode (Oak Harbor) (Position 3)
 - Barbara MacCallum (Langley) (Position 1)
- 2) Recommended members who are eligible to receive revenues:
 - Andrew Egloff (Camano) (Position 4)
 - Don Piercy (Central Whidbey) (Position 5)
 - Sherryl Christie-Bierschenk (Clinton) (Position 6)
- 3) Chair of the Board of Island County Commissioners

MOVED BY PRICE JOHNSON, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, to APPOINT those recommended to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

Because of current economic conditions dialogue then ensued about the Committee's previous allocation recommendations. The Board would not take action on this piece until after the County's budget is adopted; merely, the discussion was an opportunity for Board feedback. Chair Price Johnson will take the recommendations to the Committee for their deliberation with a recommendation back to the Board.

Public Works (Recording Part 2 @ 14:17)

Purchase Order No. 7724 – Krieg Construction, Inc.; Provide Class "B" HMA for East Harbor Rd/Stewart Rd intersection paving project; WO #71; \$24,729.25

Mr. Oakes indicated that the purchase order is for asphalt pick-up mix with Krieg Construction. Solicited were bids from Krieg and Lakeside, the two suppliers on the island, with Lakeside declining to bid. He recommended approval to finish paving on the Stewart and East Harbor intersection.

MOVED BY DEAN, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, to APPROVE Purchase Order No. 7724. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Recording Part 2 @ 16:07)

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Commissioners

Ordinance C-71-10 Adopting Chapter 3.30A ICC – Increasing County Excise Tax on Switched Access Lines, Radio Access Lines and Voice Over Internet Protocol Service Lines.

Under Substitute Senate Bill 6846 passed by the 2010 Washington State Legislature, counties will not be eligible to receive funding from the State E911 account if they have not imposed the maximum amount locally. Currently, Island County receives almost \$140,000 annually for enhanced 911 network, database, and language line services from State enhanced 911

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excise taxes. The proposed ordinance would increase enhanced 911 excise taxes on the use of switched access lines from 50 cents per month to 70 cents per month, the use of radio access lines from 50 cents per month to 70 cents per month, and establish an excise tax for interconnected voice over internet protocol (VoIP) services lines at 70 cents per month.

At 2:15 p.m. Chair Price Johnson opened the public hearing.

Tom Shaughnessy, Director of 911 Communications Center, briefed the Board on the issue by reading into the record his prepared *Senate Bill 6846 Talking Points* (Talking Points on file with the Clerk of the Board). The State currently pays approximately \$172,000 on behalf of Island County annually for E911 infrastructure to route the 911 call from the caller to the 911 center. He said the State has made it clear that these payments will be discontinued for counties that do not impose the maximum local E911 excise tax. Thus no action on this measure would result in loss of all future state revenues for E911 support.

Public comment was received from Mr. Rufus Rose who supports Enhanced 911 but expressed concern about those who may misuse the system. Public comment was closed.

MOVED BY DEAN, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, to ADOPT Ordinance C-71-10.
MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

Ms. Marlow indicated that next Monday the Board will consider approval of a related service contract with the Department of Revenue.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Recording Part 2 @ 1:22:54)

Commissioner Dean

- League of Women Voters State of the County Address

Commissioner Homola

- Weekly review of Board calendars
- Attended Farm Bureau dinner
- Expressed a need to continue finding ways to convey information to the public

Chair Price Johnson

- Attended Farm Bureau dinner
- Community Engagement

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There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.
The Board will meet next in Regular Session on October 4, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Helen Price Johnson, Chair

Angie Homola, Member

John Dean, Member

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board